

In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A holder for multiple documents, comprising:
a base for resting on a substantially horizontal surface;
a pyramidal body having a vertical axis and a number of upwardly slanting edges; and
multiple slots in at least some of the slanting edges, each of the slots facing upwardly, slanted upwardly toward the vertical axis, and being curved in a horizontal direction with respect to the vertical axis to provide friction for holding one of the documents.
2. (Previously Presented) The holder of claim 1 where the slots are curved to prevent the documents from bending over in a vertical direction.
3. (Previously Presented) The holder of claim 2 where the slots are curved so as to aid in preventing the documents from tipping sideways.
4. (Currently Amended) A holder for multiple documents, comprising:
a base for resting on a substantially horizontal surface;
a pyramidal body having a vertical axis and a number of upwardly slanting edges; and
multiple slots in at least some of the slanting edges, each of the slots being curved in a horizontal direction for holding one of the documents, where the slots are curved outwardly ~~from~~ in a horizontal direction with respect to the vertical axis of the body to provide friction to prevent the documents from bending over in a vertical direction, where the slots are slanted upwardly toward the vertical axis of the body.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently Amended) A holder for multiple documents, comprising:
a base for resting on a substantially horizontal surface;
a pyramidal body having a vertical axis and four upwardly slanting edges; and

multiple slots in at least some of the slanting edges, each of the slots being slanted upwardly toward the vertical axis of the body, and being curved in a horizontal direction with respect to the axis to provide friction for holding one of the documents.

7. (Previously Presented) The holder of claim 1 where the base includes a piece separate from the body.
8. (Previously Presented) The holder of claim 7 further including a rotation mechanism for rotating the body relative to the base piece.
9. (Original) The holder of claim 8 where the rotation mechanism includes a ball-bearing racetrack.
10. (Original) A desktop document holder, comprising:
 - a base for contacting a horizontal surface;
 - a pyramidal body including a vertical axis and a number of upwardly slanting edges of length in the approximate range of 14 to 17 inches;
 - banks of at least 4 slots in at least some of the edges, each of the slots being curved outwardly from the vertical axis in a horizontal direction and tilted upwardly toward the vertical axis for holding one of the documents, the banks being spaced apart sufficiently to avoid interference between documents in adjacent banks; and
 - a rotation mechanism for rotating the body with respect to the base.
11. (Original) The holder of claim 10 where the slots subtend an arc of about 110-150°.
12. (Original) The holder of claim 11 where the slots have a length of about 1-2¹/₂ inches.
13. (Original) The holder of claim 11 where the slots have a width of about 0.1 inch.
14. (Original) The holder of claim 11 where the slot have a depth of about 1-2 inches.

15. (Original) The holder of claim 10 where the slots tilt less than about 20° from the vertical axis
16. (Original) The holder of claim 15 where the slots tilt about 5-12° from the vertical axis.
17. (Original) The holder of claim 10 where the body is made of molded plastic.
18. (Original) The holder of claim 17 where the upwardly slanting edges are radiused.
19. (Original) The holder of claim 10 where the body is made of jointed wood faces.
20. (Original) The holder of claim 10 where the base is substantially circular.
21. (Original) The holder of claim 20 where the base is approximately the same width as the body.
22. (Previously Presented) The holder of claim 1 further comprising a number of faces extending at least partially between all adjacent ones of the upwardly slanting edges.
23. (Previously Presented) The holder of claim 1 further comprising a number of faces extending continuously between all adjacent ones of the upwardly slanting edges.